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C O N F I D E N T I A L WELLINGTON 01594

EO:11652:GDS
TAGS: MARR, TSPA, NZ
SUBJECT: SEASAT-A SATELLITE OBSERVATION PROGRAM:
- STATUS REPORT

REF: (A) STATE 58503, (B) STATE 42627, (C) STATE 71477

1. BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE, FEBRUARY 28, 1978, APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND WAS REQUESTED FOR THE STATIONING IN NEW ZEALAND, FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS, OF UP TO TWO UNITED STATES DOD CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS TO PERFORM TRACKING OPERATIONS RELATING TO THE SEASAT-A PROGRAM. UNCLASSIFIED PORTIONS OF REFTEL B WERE UTILIZED IN FORWARDING THE FEBRUARY 28 NOTE. ON MARCH 10, MFA ACKNOWLEDGED THE FEBRUARY 28 NOTE AND ADVISED THAT A REPLY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT (PARA TWO, REFTEL B), STATE AND DAO OFFICERS ADVISED THE GNZ
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SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND DEPUTY SECRETARY OF MFA ON MARCH 14 OF THE DOD APPLICATION OF SEASAT DATA.

3. ON MARCH 28, EMBOFF REVIEWED THE STATUS OF THE EMBASSY'S REQUEST WITH THE HEAD OF MFA DEFENSE DIVISION. INFORMATION CONCERNING PERSONNEL STAFFING (AS PER REFTEL C) WAS PROVIDED. THE EMBASSY WAS

INFORMED THAT THE NECESSARY STEPS FOR A TIMELY GNZ
APPROVAL (I.E., PRIOR TO THE MAY LAUNCH DATE) ARE IN
TRAIN AND FORMAL APPROVAL CAN BE EXPECTED IN APRIL.
NO UNUSUAL PROBLEMS WERE EXPRESSED. EMBASSY WILL
ADVISE FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. SELDEN

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